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ANIMAL SERVICES OFFERS CHEAP “CHIP SHOTS” IN SANTEE

Department Hosts Low-cost Rabies Shot, Dog Licensing and Micro-Chipping Clinic

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and, as a new service, pet identification micro-chipping from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Big Rock Park, 8125 Arlette St. in Santee.

Moreover, owners who have failed to ever license their dog or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the three-hour event, Department Interim Director Dawn Danielson announced today.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years. License fees range from \$12 to \$64 depending on the license period and whether the dog is altered.

The Department will also offer to micro-chip dogs – proof of license is required -- or cats for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes registration of the chip with a national database.

“Get the shot, the license and the microchip . . . and enjoy the protection and peace of mind these three simple things can bring,” said Danielson. “Rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are a matter of law . . . but a microchip is a lost pet's surest way of getting home.”

The microchip, said Danielson, is a small transponder -- the size of a grain of rice – that is injected just under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The Department scans all found pets for the presence of a microchip, and, if present, allows the Department to quickly contact the pet's owner.

For more information, you may contact the Department at (619) 236-4250 or www.sddac.com.

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